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HICKMAN, FULTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1908.

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ESTABLISHED IN THE YEAR 1858

The meeting at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Waters, has closed. While there were no additions to the church during the meeting, still the revival did much good. A protracted meeting in a small town does more good to bring about a good feeling between all classes than anything else in the world. Under the spell of the excellent sermons, the good singing and music, and the open testimonies of those upon the side of religion and the Exalted King of the world, men are naturally drawn toward each other, and forgetting old animosities, meet upon the high plane of brotherly love much to their benefit and edification.

## State Democratic Convention.

Lexington was chosen as the place and June 11 fixed as the date for the holding of the Democratic State Convention by the Democratic State Executive Committee.

This action was taken at an executive session which lasted only two minutes. The voters stood six for Louisville and six for Lexington. Chairman McQuown broke the tie, voting for Lexington.

County mass conventions to select delegates to the State convention will be held Saturday, June 6, at 2 o'clock p. m. Basis of representation, one delegate for each 200 votes and fraction over 100 votes cast for Democratic Presidential Electors in 1904.

The committee adopted a resolution endorsing Bryan for president and pledging Kentucky to him.

## Heard On the Streets

Are lamps?

Groceries at Moore's.

And now its the sweet girl graduate.

I. W. Rausher was in Hickman on business, Friday.

Mrs. Lucy Leip, of Cayce, moved to Hickman last Saturday.

Lance Savage, of Fulton, was the guest of Hickman relatives Sunday.

Entire change of program daily at the Theatorium. Admission, 5c.

Mrs. Bruer, of East Hickman, was on the sick list a few days last week.

The Nashville American and the Hickman Courier, both one year, for \$1.25.

Miss Eura Taylor, of Routh 3, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Leip Sunday.

Lee Salmon fell from a wagon one day last week and received a few slight injuries.

Eld. J. F. Gilmer will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening.

Try Threlkeld's Eating House next time. If you are hungry you will be taken care of.

Miss Charlotte Hubbard is home from her term of school at Belmont College, Nashville. She returned Thursday.

Mrs. Kate Wooten, who has been visiting O. T. Salmon and wife returned to her home at Blytheville, Ark., Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. Naylor and daughter, Miss Mayme, attended commencement exercises of the Fulton High School Friday night.

Mrs. B. T. Davis, Mrs. L. E. Stephens, Jno. A. McClure and Rev. J. F. Gilmer went to Princeton, Ky., Monday to attend a three-days' session of the Southwest Kentucky Christian Association.

By over-sight last week we failed to say that the school board re-elected Miss Annie Sharron as a teacher in the Hickman College for the next term. All teachers have now been elected, and the selection is a good one.

Although President Roosevelt has already re-affirmed his declaration that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for or accept a renomination, and has reached a decision that seems to be absolutely irrevocable, a concerted movement is under way to force the nomination upon him at Chicago next month. The men back of it are among the most adroit politicians in the Republican party, and its ramifications extend in every direction.

## A Word About Nature's Greatest Prank in Kentucky—Mammoth Cave.

As strange as it may seem, there are hundreds of people in Fulton county who have never visited Mammoth Cave, yet it is one of the celebrated "Seven Wonders of the World." Too many Hickmanites know too little of this marvelous cavern, although they are Kentuckians; and would be greatly embarrassed if asked by a stranger for some information concerning it. For the benefit of those who have never seen the cave, it might be interesting to know that Mammoth Cave owes its discovery to an accident, so the story goes, which happened in the year 1809. It is the old story of a hunter and a bear, the pursuer and the pursued. The bear was wounded and sought its lair in a vain endeavor to escape. Hutchins, for such was the hunter's name, lost no time in acquainting others with this important discovery, and Mammoth Cave became both a fact of history and of science. It is strange to relate that its first exploitation was connected with simply mercenary motives and that salt-peter, intended for use in gunpowder and connected with the war of 1812, was the incentive that led to more complete examination. The men who mined the soft soil, rich in nitre, are the men who first gave the outside world any reliable information of the great extent of this now famous world's wonder. Albeit their stories savored of the wonderful to an extent that many pronounced them romances, a knowledge of the cave that was really quite exact became common property and the immense cavern soon took its

place among the great natural features of Earth.

A visit to Mammoth Cave constitutes a unique experience in one's search of pleasure and the marvelous. From the moment of arrival at the quaint old hostelry, which dates so far back toward the beginning of the century that it is really a part of the history of the cavern, to the last look which is always given when the top of the rough stairway of rock, at the entrance is reached on the return from the depths, there is continuous surprise, new experience, pleasant memories, not altogether unmingled with regret. The surroundings are not very unlike those which the first visitors saw.

The old lumbering stage-coach has given way to the modern railway, with its comforts and speed; the trees of the forest are larger, but just as numerous; the wild flowers spring up as abundantly and live the landscape as charmingly now as formerly; the woods are as full of feathered songsters; the neighboring river as prolific; in brilliant and graceful fish, the cliffs which line its course as grand and glorious as when Hutchins first shot that famous bear.

Within the cavern the changes which have occurred since the day of salt-peter mining are less conspicuous still. In every essential respect the visitor sees the same features,

the same angles, the same crystals—save where early vandal hands have robbed some of the alcoves and halls of their beautiful forms—the same springs gush forth from dark recesses, and the same streams disappear with many a dash and reverberation into the same pits and darksome crevices. The very pipes and supports used by the workers in "peter-dirt" stand now as when left by them nearly a century ago. The famed houses in which the unfortunate consumptives sought relief from a malady which alone needed sunshine for momentary respite still stand on the left in the great recess called the Main Cave. The tracks made by feet of patient oxen and ruts worn by wheels of creaking wagons still remain to tell of underground toil in a gloom not less than that of famed Tartarus. The rock piled high on either side for a distance of a half mile or more tell of the work needed to get the much-sought nitrate to the upper world. Rude hieroglyphic scratches on the walls tell of Bishop, of Brantsford, of Miller and others who first sought to unravel the mysteries of its branching avenues or to sound the depths of its solitary recesses. Occasionally, even yet, fragments of half burned reeds, a lost moccasin, a wooden bowl, tell of visits of aborigines long before foot of civilized man had awakened the echoes of the lofty domes. Change there has been, but it is so slow so secret, if one please, that impressions formed three-quarters of a century ago are paralleled by those which are awakened to-day. There is only

that change which comes from wider acquaintance with the windings of the chambers into those that are new and formerly unknown, a change which makes the visitor despair of ever fully unraveling all the relations of the passages and crevices along which he journeys or through which he crawl. The same massive rocks, scattered in the same profusion, meet the eye on every hand, for the cave has been preserved in all its beauty as an original work of nature. The bridges over rivers and stairs leading up impassable cliffs, the iron guards along places of danger, alone tell the visitor of the work of man.

## Commencement Exercises.

The commencement exercises of Hickman College will be held next week and are as follows:

Sunday morning, Baccalaureate Sermon at Court House. Sermon by Rev. W. J. McCoy, of Martin.

Thursday night, the Amateur Musical Club will give an entertainment, at the Court House.

Friday night, Commencement exercises by the graduating class, which is composed of Misses Lizzie Corum and Kate Conner and Harold DeBow, at the Court House.

A small admission will be charged for the exercises to be held Thursday and Friday nights.

The Democratic organization of Pennsylvania, defeated the Bryan faction of the party in the State Convention at Harrisburg and the four delegates-at-large will go to Denver uninstructed.

## Heard In The Crowd

Buy your calendars at home.

C. J. Sarrett was on the sick list last week.

Sam DeBow was here from Union City Friday.

W. A. Dodds made a business trip to Union City, Saturday.

George Sanger and John Nelson, Jr. went to Fulton Saturday.

Mrs. B. H. Cavitt and daughter, Miss Loto, spent Friday in Union City.

Judge F. S. Moore attended a session of the Court of Appeals at Frankfort last week.

Dr. W. M. Bright has moved to the widow Baltzer residence, opposite Cue Threlkeld. 49-2p

I've just received another shipment of No. 2 wheat—the best chicken feed on earth.—C. H. Moore.

Miss Blanche Hall returned to Paragould, Ark., Friday after a short visit with Miss Annie Ellison.

Miss Annie Cowgill arrived home Thursday night from Nashville, where she has been attending Ward's Seminary.

Martin Bondurant and family of Moscow, visited his brother, Tom Bondurant and family in East Hickman Saturday.

Miss Lily Hubbard returned Thursday from New York. Miss Hubbard has been attending a conservatory of music in that city for several months.

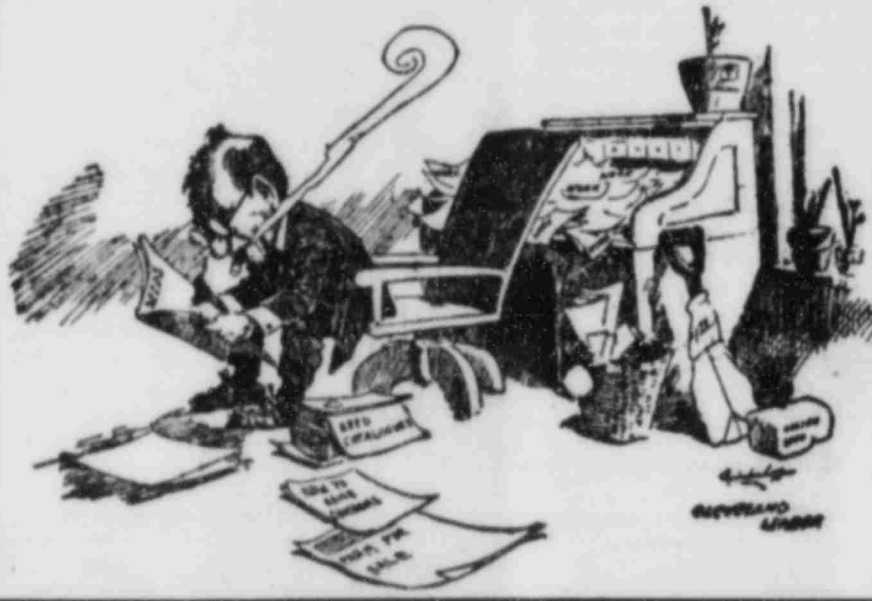
A Fulton county man with a beard seven feet long has been dug up. This must be one of those old time Republicans buried under an avalanche of Democratic ballots.

Albert Taylor, a negro drayman of this city, was found dead on his porch Monday morning. He was about 65 years old and is supposed to have died of heart failure.

The Kentucky Press Association will hold its annual midsummer meeting this year at Cerulean Springs, beginning Monday, June 15. Hopkinsville has given the Association an invitation to spend at least one day in that city as the city's guest and the invitation was accepted as a matter of course.

A gentleman who was in Paducah a few days ago says Robt. Hallowell and wife, plaintiffs in the night rider cases tried in Federal court at Paducah, are preparing to bring heavy suits for slander and defamation of character against M. E. Webb, of Trenton, Ky., and also libel suits against newspapers that printed Mr. Webb's Clarksville speech. Thank goodness the Courier failed to print Webb's speech.

## THE ANNUAL HANKERIN'



## Our Millinery Section



—Still retains its reputation as the leading department in Hickman and is turning out the same choice and stylish hats as at the beginning of the season though the prices are very much less.

A look will convince you that we have by far the largest and most select stock from which to make your selections. A new line of medium-priced shapes and trimmings received this week.

## Oxfords for Women and Children

A larger or more comprehensive line of oxfords was never before displayed in Hickman. Every good style of the season together with all the leathers, lasts and sizes.

Ladies E. P. Reed & Co.'s fine Oxfords in patent, black and vici leathers in Gibson ties and pumps. 2.50 to 3.50

Ladies Oxfords, medium-priced, in tan and black leathers, Gibson ties, plain bluchers and bails. 1.25 to 2.00

Children's Oxfords in tan, patent and black leathers, medium and low heels, specially priced at. 1.00 to 2.25

Infants' Shoes and Oxfords, black and fancy 60c to 1.50



## ATTRACTIVE VALUES IN WASH FABRICS

6c Batiste and Lawns, in stripes and colors, at a yard. 5c

Good quality Batiste, in plain and fancy floral designs at. 10c

18c Lawns, light and dark grounds, floral designs and stripes, seconds at. 12½c

Foulard Rays, a beautiful mercerized goods in all colors, fancy designs, worth 25c. 20c

Fancy Linen Lustres, solid colors, blue, red, tan, a very serviceable fabric at. 20c

Pereales, fast colors in stripes and figures, at a yard. 10 and 7c

Madras, good grades in white and dark grounds with fancy figures and stripes at. 12 and 10c

Novelty Batiste and printed Silk Mull, beautiful colorings and designs, special price. 40 and 30c

## Summer Hosiery

Imported Lisle Hose, lace all over, assorted patterns in black and late shades of tan, a pair. 50c

Lisle Lace Hose in black, tan and colors, worth 40c a pair. 35c

Ladies Lisle Hose in black and colors, a strong line worth 35c. 25c  
Other grades at. 10 and 15c

Children's Hose in black and tan, light and medium weights, ribbed and lace at. 10 to 35c



## Special in Long Silk Gloves

Long 16-button Silk and Lisle Silk Gloves in tan, brown, navy, light blue and black. 1.50

16-button, black Lisle Gloves, a very special value at. 1.25

Shorter length in Silk and Lisle at. 50c, 75c and 1.00

## New Novelties

Belts, Belting, Combs, Belt Buckles, Barrettes, &c., the very latest out. A shipment just received.

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